

Bozeman Symphony Society

Engaging Students, Rural Communities, and Underserved Populations With Free Symphony Performances

Cultural Trust FY24-25 (C&A)

The Bozeman Symphony Society is grateful to the Long-Range Planning Committee for consideration of funding to support our vibrant educational and community engagement programs.

We are driven by a mission to “engage, unite, and uplift” the community by making symphonic music available to all, particularly children and those who might not otherwise have access to live music. In 2024 we will expand our educational programming, allowing us to engage a greater number of students. Similarly, we plan to expand our signature outreach program, Far Afield, which brings free performances to rural communities and underserved populations. In summer 2023 will launch our first free “parks tour” with free, family-oriented performance in Gallatin County parks. Expanding these offerings to reach greater numbers of underserved audiences requires that we seek additional investment in these programs.

In lieu of in-person testimony in Helena, we respectfully submit a few photo highlights of our recent educational and community engagement programs in rural and outlying areas, senior living facilities, and schools.



Above, 950 4th graders from 17 area schools attend the Bozeman Symphony and Symphonic Choir's 4th Grade Concert May 20, 2022, experiencing the most well-known masterpiece: Beethoven's 9th Symphony. (Photo credit: Bozeman Daily Chronicle)

Whitehall

Oct. 8., 2022, Star Theatre



"Your players hit a home run last night! They were fabulous. The program was spot on for this audience and beautifully and warmly performed.

I can't over-emphasize how thrilled this community was to have classical music accessible last night. There were about 75 people in the audience (in spite of big competition from a highly contested high school football game and Homecoming at MSU). I think easily a quarter of them came up to me at the end of the performance to hug me and thank me and ask that classical concerts become a fixture on the town's calendar.

I am very eager to continue the conversation with you about future concerts here. I'll be in touch next week.

Heartfelt thanks to the Bozeman Symphony from the Board of Gold Junction Presents for its Community Outreach Program and the opportunities it provides for rural communities like Whitehall/Cardwell."

-- Ruth Lott, Whitehall, Montana

Assisted Living Facilities



"The performance was a huge success for the residents at The Springs. Thank you so much again. The residents keep mentioning that they want you back. I am looking forward to the meeting in June!"

--Jane Dickinson, program coordinator, The Springs Senior Living, March 2022

"I want to say thank you so much for bringing joy again to the residents. One of the huge highlights of their day is to listen to amazing music. Thank you! The residents are begging for more of your music!"

--Jane Dickinson, June 2022



Schools



A variety of Bozeman Symphony ensembles have traveled to Manhattan Christian School numerous times over the years.

“The kids learned there are so many choices and options in Percussion Band – and how fun it can be. The Percussion Orchestra LOVED their job and it showed to the students. They learned to practice, practice, practice, and that it takes hard work.” (2021)

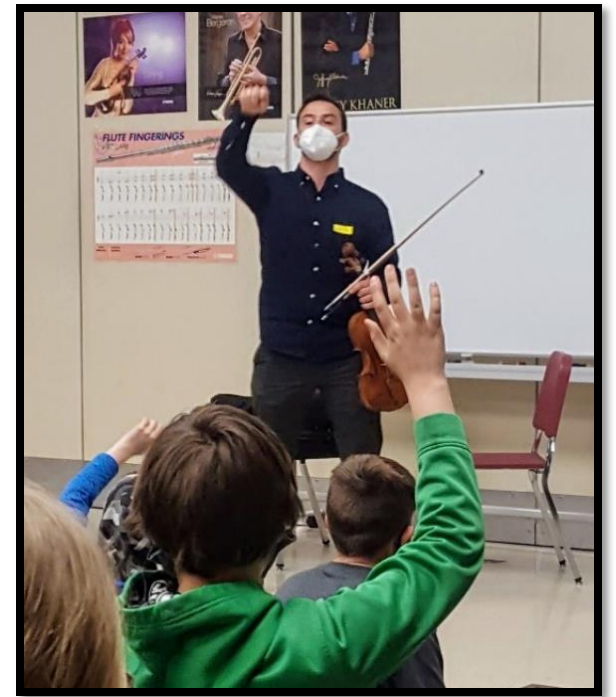
– Jackie Van Dam, Music Teacher, Manhattan Christian School



Above: A woodwind ensemble of Bozeman Symphony musicians performed at the Elling House in **Virginia City**. (2022)

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Bozeman Symphony guest violinist William Hagen, along with Music Director Norman Huynh, delighted 80 **Belgrade Middle School** students (and four adults) during an exciting visit to the school with an energetic and interactive program for the kids, Grades 5-8. The students enjoyed this memorable opportunity to hear live music, especially coming from a 1732 Stradivarius violin. (2021)



Above: At the **Avon School**, Bozeman Symphony Concertmaster Carrie Krause performs Baroque music with a trio using period instruments in rural Avon. (2022)





Fourth Grade Concert

The Bozeman Symphony's Fourth Grade and Family Concerts have been an annual tradition for 28 years. Fourth grade is a critical time to reach children musically as they prepare to select an instrument for 5th grade band or orchestra. Above, Bozeman Symphony Music Director Norman Huynh interacts with kids after the show and "works the crowd" of 4th graders on before performing "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. (2022)

See *Beethoven Goes Back to School*. Bozeman Daily Chronicle, May 20, 2022.